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Subject: HB 589

Dear Governor Cooper,

I'm writing today to urge you to veto HB 589, due to the long-term detrimental impacts that it poses to job and revenue creation within the state.

While the bill is positive in some ways, such as clearing the large queue of pending interconnects held-up within Duke Energy, it's negative in others that could have far greater effects on the state. Specifically, the bill caps either the timeframe or amount (in MW) of new renewable generation that can be added across the Duke and Progress territories in several different buckets (leasing, . Once those caps are met, then consumers across the state would no longer have access to or options for new renewable generation.

More and more, large companies are requiring clean energy for their corporate campuses. North Carolina has already seen the power that renewable energy offerings can have in attracting new businesses to the state (thus driving job growth, not only in the construction and operation of clean energy sources, but also from the employers who are attracted to site their facilities where clean energy resources are located).

Approving a bill today that caps consumer and business choice tomorrow is not in the best interest of North Carolina.

Please ask tough questions to fully understand the long-term implications, and veto HB 589 in its current form.

Thank you for your consideration.

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